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### Thanks

... to those parents who attended this week's Cambridge meeting.

... to those supporting our talent show auditions.

### People of the week

... Aimee C received first place in the year 7 category of the Tai Tokerau Literacy Association's Annual Story Writing Competition. A phenomenal achievement Aimee .. well done!

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### Term calendar (We will advise further dates as these come to hand)

15 September Year 7 and 8 trip to Waitangi

16 September Talent Quest

25 September Final day of term 3

### Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme .. intending year 7 and 8's

If you did not make this week's meeting please note that comprehensive material will soon be available in the office foyer, and increasingly via our school website. Kevin is also highly available by appointment. The screening of students necessary for pathway placement will be completed by the end of October with parents then invited to give input.

### Talent Show

Items are now being polished up in anticipation of the big night. Any Questions in the run up to Mrs Walker please.

### Talent Showcase

As advised earlier you are cordially invited to our Matarau School Talent Show which gets underway at 7:00 PM Wednesday 16 September in our school hall (children taking part in the show are asked to be here no later than 6:45 please). Parents are asked to bring a gold coin donation please towards council fund-raising. Please also extend a warm invitation to extended family.



Thanks to Retro Hair who are sponsors of this year's talent Show.



### Art Scholarship

Early next term we will be calling for expressions of interest in our 2015 Art Scholarships. This is an opportunity to present a portfolio of artwork for judging, with the potential to win a school cup and a small prize. Maybe chat to your children about this and, if you would like the information early, just give Kevin a call next week. We have had some outstanding portfolios in year's past and are keen to see this tradition continue.

### Rugby World Cup Reading Challenge

Launched this week with the goal of growing reading mileage across the school. Tries and house points will be awarded for time spent reading with a special recognition of exceptional efforts down the track.

Parents are asked to help by ...

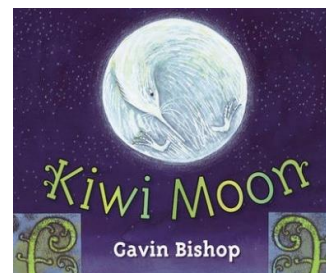
- Creating set reading time .. maybe before bed
- Helping to keep track of reading on your child's Reading Log
- Helping them to select appropriate reading material at their level
- Encouraging (and modelling) reading

### Save the Date

This term the junior school are working towards their Biannual Junior School Production. The children have been learning songs, dances and parts to perform Gavin Bishop's story of KIWI MOON.

The performance for families will be on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** at 1:45 pm

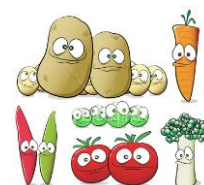
If you are able to help with basic costumes, lighting, sound etc. please mail [rrobertson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:rrobertson@matarau.school.nz)



### Home Garden

Those students who have entered the Home Garden Programme will have received their Home Garden Diary. There will be fortnightly Tuesday meetings at lunchtime in Room 12 beginning 22nd September, the last week of term. At these meetings we will share gardening tips, photos and stories of our progress to date. Please email photos of your gardens to [sabbott@matarau.school.nz](mailto:sabbott@matarau.school.nz) for sharing.

Judging criteria were included in last week's newsletter.



Library cards for your children will do far more than allow them to borrow books.

Whangarei Libraries online and digital services are rapidly growing, from digital downloads, to access of a wide range of exciting sites from your home (sites which would be expensive to access without a library card). A big plus with digital material is that it is impossible to incur fines. And library membership is free.

Whangarei Libraries' Children's Services Librarian, Sue Scott, will be in the school staffroom on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 2:30 - 3:30 should you wish to enroll your child.

To enroll your child, simply bring proof of ID (for parent only: e.g. driving license) and proof of address (e.g. a letter addressed to you). It is not necessary for the parent to be a member of the library, however, if this is the case, no proofs are required, your library card will be sufficient.

Having enrolled, your child's library card will be delivered to the school after a couple of working days. Please address any questions to Mrs Abbott.

### Marae Trip

A marae trip to Te Hapua marae is planned for the weekend of the 21st- 22nd November by Matarau Whanau Group. Some of the cost will be subsidised by the group's fundraising but there may be a small charge per family attending. While this is a trip undertaken by families from our school, it is not a school trip. Parents or caregivers will need to attend as staff will not be responsible for supervision. For calculating costs and catering volumes please send expressions of interest to Sue Abbott by email [sabbott@matarau.school.nz](mailto:sabbott@matarau.school.nz) or interest can be submitted on the Matarau Whanau facebook page. Details of planning meetings will be in the newsletter early next term.

### Extended Book Amnesty

Please bring back any junior readers you have at home! We are having difficulty getting enough books for our reading groups, so there must be a lot at home. Please look under beds, on book shelves etc and return any readers to school asap. Your Friendly Junior Teachers

### Term Contributions and Activity Fees

If you opted for term contributions please forward any outstanding fees or contributions next week. If you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements please contact Kevin. Thank you.

### Borrowed School Shirts

If your child has a green polo or a blue and white quick dry shirt, can they please return to school on Monday (freshly washed) as there are very few to loan for the upcoming events. Shirts can be purchased for \$20-\$30. Please contact the office.



### Wheelie Shoes

We have had a number of accidents and close calls this week with students that have wheelie shoes. We strongly discourage the use of these at school due to these injuries.

### Canteen - Bandana Challenge

We support only a select number of charities each year ... usually those connected with children. We are selling bandanas at a minimum price of \$5:00 each (as we do around this time each year) to support teenagers with cancer. These come in a variety of colours and children enjoy adding to their collection. **We have designated Thursday 17 September as Bandana Day with children invited to wear their bandanas at school on this day.** You should not feel under pressure to purchase but this is a very worthwhile cause. Children are welcome to wear bandanas purchased in earlier years on Bandana Day. Watch this space.

### Truthfulness

... please keep the discussions going at home. Our goal is to be the most truthful school in the world .. even, as one child said this week, when it gets you into trouble.

### Calf Club Day - Thursday 22nd October 2015

A reminder - you need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves, lambs or goats. The animal must be born after 1st July 2015. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling. Goats are judged on rearing, leading & calling.

You can also bring a 'pet' which can include cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day.



All kindness originates from God



Please do not bring pregnant animals or new-borns on the day as this could put them under stress that would not be good for their health. Also please make sure you bring along food and water for your animals as it can be a long day for them especially if it is sunny and hot.

More information will be sent home closer to the end of the term.



## **Finally**

Construction work will start very soon on our room 6 to 8 internal upgrade, and shortly after that on our new science lab. The room 6 to 8 upgrade will include multiple break-out spaces and a more modern learning environment. While the science lab paves the way for Cambridge Science in years 7 and 8, we intend giving younger students access to the lab at various times in the year. We will keep you posted.

Regards

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## **Lost Property**

... if passing might be worth taking a look!

## **Community Notices**

Whakapara Pony Club - registration day, 13th September, 2pm, BBQ, meet and greet, all old and new members welcome.

Kamo Cricket Club - Junior Registration Day, Saturday 19 September 10am – 12pm at Kamo Rec, Butler Place, Kamo. Come along for registration and some fun games. Online registration is available at [www.sportsground.co.nz/kamocricket](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/kamocricket). Existing and new junior members (girls and boys up to year 8) of all abilities welcome. Professional coaching provided for all grades. Any queries, please contact Lisa Parkes, ph: 027 460 8848, email: [davidparkes@xtra.co.nz](mailto:davidparkes@xtra.co.nz)

School Hols Creative Writing Workshops - Spark your child's imagination in an artistic setting where it's cool to be yourself. Learn new ways to create interesting story ideas, how to write a good plot, and how to make the characters in your stories come to life. Workshops are held at the Whangarei Library. Beginners are welcome and if you're shy, bring a friend! For further info please visit [www.donnablaber.com/schoolhols.html](http://www.donnablaber.com/schoolhols.html) or phone 09 432 0933.

Action Zone SPRING Camp is running again during the holidays (27th Sept- 2nd Oct ). for 9-13 year olds (up to Yr8) at Marsden Bay Christian Camp located in One Tree Point, Northland. Activities include: motorbikes, buggies, canoes, water slide, flying fox beach activities, sports rounds and much much more. Contact: Trish Ellis, 35 Hilltop Ave, Morningside, Whangarei 0110, Ph: (09) 438 0333, [actionzonecamps@gmail.com](mailto:actionzonecamps@gmail.com)

All Stars-Kids in Action - OSCAR school holiday programme Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Sept - Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct and Mon 5<sup>th</sup> - Fri 9<sup>th</sup> October. Raumanga (The Pulse), 8.00am-5.30pm, \$35.00per day, 5-14 years. Activities will include: Movies at the Cinema , Aquatic Centre Fun, World Cup Rippa Rugby Day, Ultimate Frisbee, Medieval Day, Bike riding, scooter and skate boarding, arts & crafts & more. For further information visit our website: [www.kidsinaction.co.nz](http://www.kidsinaction.co.nz) or contact Paul on 021951925.

Kidzones Holiday Programmes - Kidzone holiday programmes are located at Tikipunga, Whau Valley and Kamo Primaries. We are open from 7.45am to 5.30pm daily during the holiday break. Check out what fun activities the team at Kidzones have organised for each day on [www.kidzones.co.nz](http://www.kidzones.co.nz). Enrol online via our website for a fast efficient process. WINZ subsidies are available. Contact Sandra North 021 249 3308 or 43 53342

[Sandra@kidzones.co.nz](mailto:Sandra@kidzones.co.nz)

Educare Holiday Programme – Maunu and Hurupaki Primary School Hall, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct, 8.00am – 5.30pm, 5-14 yr olds. WINZ subsidies available. Exciting daily activities. For More info visit [www.holidayprogrammes.co.nz](http://www.holidayprogrammes.co.nz) or contact Christin 0274821331 or email [info@holidayprogrammes.co.nz](mailto:info@holidayprogrammes.co.nz).

## **Genius Hour Food Bank Campaign**

Danni and Abbie are doing a project with Room 9 and 10 called Genius Hour.

We saw that the Salvation Army Food Bank needs food donations and thought we could help by organising each family at Matarau School to donate one grocery item to this worthy cause. Every donation of food helps the food bank give to people who do not have enough food for themselves.

We are hoping to have someone from Salvation Army come to Matarau School and tell us more about their role in the community.

Please consider this opportunity to give to others.

Donations can be delivered between Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September to Dannielle in Rm 10 or Abbie in Rm 9.

